- ♦ Generating Tourist Publications.
- ♦ Re-enforced hospitality programmes including grant of air passages to invite the media personnel, tour operators on familiarization tours to India to get first hand knowledge on various tourism products.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Promotion of Tourism in Assam

2207. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism traffic in Assam and North Eastern Region has increased;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to promote tourism in Assam and include it in the tourism map; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UTs. Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance for the tourism projects identified in consultation with the State concerned after ensuring their viability.

Ministry of Tourism has been supporting State Government of Assam for development of tourism infrastructure and during first two years of the Tenth Five-year Plan, Rs. 1081.59 lakh has been sanctioned for this purpose. The process of identification of projects for 2004-05 is under progress.

Sale of Public. Sector Hotels

† 2208. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.